Essential Verbs: Needs, Plans & Likes — Essentials

Verbos para necesidades, planes y gustos

Understand it · Entiéndelo

What you are learning · Qué vas a aprender

Use a conjugated verb plus an infinitive to express a plan, wish, ability, or need. Ir a + infinitive adds a before the next verb; querer, poder, and necesitar do not. To say what you like, start with me gusta before a singular thing or an infinitive; use me gustan before plural things. Learn these useful patterns now; the later Gustar lesson explains the structure.

English	Spanish
I want to learn Spanish.	Quiero aprender español. Quiero: Verb — action or state; aprender: Verb — action or state
I can help.	Puedo ayudar. Puedo: Verb — action or state; ayudar: Verb — action or state
I need to leave.	Necesito salir. Necesito: Verb — action or state; salir: Verb — action or state
I like rice.	Me gusta el arroz. gusta: Verb — action or state
I like fruit.	Me gustan las frutas. gustan: Verb — action or state

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Use it · Úsalo

Build it step by step · Constrúyelo paso a paso

English	Spanish
I am going to study.	Voy a estudiar. Voy: Verb — action or state; estudiar: Verb — action or state
We are going to eat.	Vamos a comer. Vamos: Verb — action or state; comer: Verb — action or state

Common mistake · Error común

Do not add a after every verb: Quiero hablar, but Voy a hablar. In these likes patterns, gusta/gustan matches what you like, not the person who likes it.

Use it in real life · Úsalo en la vida real

Arrange your day: say you need to work and have to leave.

Check and try again · Comprueba y vuelve a intentar

Necesito trabajar. Tengo que salir. Keep the second verb in the infinitive and retain que after tengo.

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